



RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 BOX AF EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1631

Docket No.: 522.1921D3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Mayumi TOMIKAWA et al.

Serial No. 09/909,809

Group Art Unit: 1631

Confirmation No. 6031

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Examiner: Zhou, Shubo

For:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING AND EVALUATING MUTUALLY SIMILAR PORTIONS IN ONE-DIMENSIONAL SEQUENCES IN MOLECULES AND/OR

THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES OF MOLECULES

RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: BOX AF

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 22, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on February 22, 2007.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.